

## YALE CAMPUS FILLED WITH ANNUAL HUM

Commencement Week Opened  
With Play Last Night—  
Baccalaureate Sunday.

FROLIC WILL BE VERY GAY

Feature Will Be Presence of Mr.  
Taft, Yale's Only Ex-  
President.

NEW HAVEN, June 14.—The Yale commencement of 1913, which opened to-night with the Yale play on the campus, is to be one of the most notable. Not even the oldest alumni who have come back to show the youngsters what a real Yale celebration is like can remember a commencement that ever began as early as June 14.

It's only a year or two ago that scores of alumni, complaining of the heat, grumbled because some of the exercises of the week lasted over into the first of July. But this year the Yale officials will have all the attractions of commencement here in town all out of the way by next Wednesday night.

The largest crowd of alumni and guests that ever came back here to frolic or to help their friends frolic will be here within the next twenty-four hours. Not only are the graduating classes larger than ever but several hundred more alumni are to be back.

The biggest innovation this year will be the presence of ex-President Taft. None of the distinguished guests that come here to receive honors at the hands of the corporation on next Wednesday can hope to outshine in importance Bill Taft, as he will be called by his classmates, who are coming back in numbers to help him be the king bee of the bunch. For 200 years and more Yale has been holding commencements, but never in all that time has she ever had an ex-President of the United States attending as an alumnus. The members of '78, his class, are coming back in numbers to celebrate the thirty-fifth anniversary of their graduation.

Many There for Baccalaureate.

Not in years, if ever, have there been so many alumni back before baccalaureate Sunday as are here to-day. The town is crowded with guests that have been arriving on every train and in motor cars from every section of the country. All this haste to get here is on account of the Yale Dramatic Association play, which will be seen on the Yale campus to-night. In this play the campus, with old Connecticut Hall and the historic elm streets as a background, will be used as a stage setting in place of the usual scenery. "The Recruiting Officer" by George Farquhar, with about sixty in the cast, is the piece chosen. Months of hard work, fraught with close competition on the part of those who finally made up the cast, have been spent in preparation.

With the baccalaureate address to the graduating classes to-morrow morning at Woolsey Hall by President Arthur Twining Hadley, Yale's commencement exercises will be on in full swing. Most of the 3,500 seats in the big auditorium have already been taken by returning alumni and commencement guests. To-night word is being given out that there are no more seats to be had.

After the sermon by President Hadley will come the dedication of the new Porter gateway leading to the new campus by Prof. Franklin B. Dexter, former secretary of the Yale Corporation, which is named for Yale's former president, Noah Porter. An organ recital by Prof. Harry Denson at Woolsey Hall, the dedication of the Daniels gateway and the annual meeting of the Yale Foreign Missionary Society are included in the programme for Sunday. In addition, the undergraduates will do a whole lot of entertaining and there will be supper parties and teas on the campus and at the various chapter houses.

Commencement Girls to Gather.

Bright and early Monday morning the commencement girls in all their summer finery will gather in Vanderburgh Square on Sheffield campus to hear the class histories of the Sheffield seniors. It's easy to tell that, with the predominance of bright colors this season, it will be the gayest Dolly Varden show that has been seen on the campus since hoops went out of fashion.

The Yale Law School graduates will gather at noon for the annual dinner of the law school at the university dining hall. Their anniversary exercises will be held with Samuel J. Elder, LL. D., of Boston as the principal speaker. The law school alumni and their friends together with the members of the graduating class and their friends will have a garden party in the afternoon in the rear of the law school.

The friends of the academic seniors will spend Monday afternoon under the elm of the old campus, where on benches the members of the class will sit and smoke their long pipes of peace, drink pink lemonade and hear their histories read and their futures foretold. Several hundred pretty girls with their chaperones will sit on the benches of the temporary amphitheatre which will be built around the seniors. Later all will help plant the class tree.

In the late afternoon the Sheffield seniors and the members of the faculty of Sheffield will entertain commencement guests at a tea at Rivers Hall, and everybody will go to the concert of the musical club at Woolsey Hall at 8 o'clock in the evening. The senior promenade will be danced at the conclusion of the concert.

Taft to Preside at Meeting.

Preceding the annual meeting of the alumni in Bartol Chapel Tuesday morning, at which President Hadley will speak, will be representatives from numerous classes. Ex-President Taft will preside at a meeting under the joint auspices of two fraternities, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Kappa Psi, earlier than that the members of the class of '98 are planning to unveil a memorial tablet to John Lawrence Thurston of '98.

By this time the campus will be filled to overflowing with hundreds of alumni in fantastic costume, and according to schedule these are to form on the campus soon after noon for the annual march to the Yale Field, where the ball game between Yale and Harvard will be played.

The most spectacular feature of the whole commencement is the classes which will be in the parade on June 15, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, '39, '40, '41, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '76, '77, '78, '79, '80, '81, '82, '83, '84, '85, '86, '87, '88, '89, '90, '91, '92, '93, '94, '95, '96, '97, '98, '99, '00, '01, '02, '03, '04, '05, '06, '07, '08, '09, '10, '11, '12, '13, '14, '15, '16, '17, '18, '19, '20, '21, '22, '23, '24, '25, '26, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32, '33, '34, '35, '36, '37, '38, '39, '40, '41, '42, '43, '44, '45, '46, '47, '48, '49, '50, '51, '52, '53, '54, '55, '56, '57, '58, '59, '60, '61, '62, '63, '64, '65, '66, '67, '68, '69, '70, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, 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